

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:894
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BAN ON USE OF ENDO SULFAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken any decision to ban the use of `Endo Sulfan` pesticide;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have received any report in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c)&(d): On the directives of the National Human Rights Commission, the National Institute of Occupational Health of the Indian Council of Medical Research had submitted its report on investigation of unusual illnesses allegedly caused by exposure to Endosulfan in Padre Village of Kasargod District in N.Kerala. NIOH has observed significantly higher prevalence of unusual diseases like mental retardation, congenital defects and abnormalities of re-productive system in children in the affected villages of Kasargod district of North Kerala due to aerial spraying of endosulfan over the cashew plantation.

The Registration Committee constituted under Section 5 of the Insecticide Act has constituted an Expert Group to examine the report of the National Institute of Occupational Health, and the report of Dr. A. Achuthan committee appointed by the Government of Kerala on the aerial spraying of Endosulfan in Kasargod district of Kerala as well as other related reports and to study safety assessment of Endosulfan and to recommend on its continued use/restricted use or otherwise. Report of the Expert Group and the recommendations of the Registration Committee thereon are awaited